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REMARKS

Consideration of the captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments

and following remarks is requested.

The specification has been amended to refer to the priority applications.

Claims 4, 6-9 and 12 are amended to remove multiple dependencies and/or

comport with U.S. style claim practice. Claims 10-11 are cancelled without disclaimer

of, or prejudice to, the subject matter therein. New claims 13-23 are added. Support for

new claims 13-23 is found in original claims 4, 6 and 7 and in the Specification. No new

matter has been added.

Accordingly, the claims pending and under consideration are claims 1-9 and 12-

23.

Early favourable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance of claims 1-9

and 12-23 be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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